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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1958

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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres.....	45,166	No. of occupied houses..	3089
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1958.		No. of houses owned by the Council.....	608
.....	£75,728	Population (mid 1958)...	9750
Sum represented by a penny rate			
.....	£297.10.11		

BIRTHS

Live births: Legitimate

Male	59
Female	66
Total	125

Illegitimate

Male	3
Female	2
Total	5

Total live births

Male	62
Female	68
Total	130

Stillbirths:

Male	4
Female	2
Total	6

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated
population

14.3

DEATHS

Deaths: all causes

Male	47
Female	78
Total	125

Deaths from puerperal causes NIL

Deaths of infants under 1
year of age:

Male	NIL
Female	2
Total	2

Deaths of infants under 4
weeks of age:

Male	NIL
Female	1
Total	1

Death rate per 1,000
estimated population

12.8

Causes of Death.

Registrar General's Classification.	1958.		
	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	4
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus..	3	-	3
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14. Malignant neoplasm, lymphatic and other	4	7	11
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	10	9	19
18. Coronary disease, angina	9	9	18
19. Hypertension with heart disease....	1	1	2
20. Other heart disease	6	22	28
21. Other circulatory disease	1	4	5
22. Influenza	-	2	2
23. Pneumonia	1	3	4
24. Bronchitis	3	1	4
25. Other diseases of the respiratory.. system	1	1	2
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	1	-	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	2	2
29. Hyperplasia of the prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion....	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	7	8
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	2	2
34. All other accidents	1	1	2
35. Suicide	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total deaths, all causes	47	78	125

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION

During 1958 one hundred and ten children under the age of five years received their primary immunisation against diphtheria. Sixty seven older children received further injections to maintain their immunity.

Satisfactory progress was made with poliomyelitis vaccination of young children, although some delays occur in dealing with isolated applicants. The response from the higher age groups, however, is not satisfactory.

BCG vaccination of children of school leaving age was continued. 24 boys and 33 girls accepted it.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths recorded as due to this disease.

One new case of pulmonary tuberculosis and two of non-pulmonary disease were notified.

The cases known to be living within the district at the close of the year are as follows:-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	17	24	41
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	6	5	11
Totals	23	29	52

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Measles.....	91
Whooping cough.....	6
Poliomyelitis.....	1
Dysentery.....	1
Acute pneumonia.....	6

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

No formal action was taken under Section 47 during the year.

One elderly woman was ultimately admitted to a mental hospital after it had proved impossible to admit her to a hospital for chronic sick.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

For the following information I am indebted to Mr. R. W. Turner, Chief Public Health Inspector, whose work during the year under review it represents.

WATER SUPPLY

Main water supplies where available continued to be satisfactory whilst shallow wells remained polluted.

Supply mains have been laid from Tur Langton to Hallaton although service mains and water supply will not be available until 1959, when it is hoped that the whole of the area will be supplied.

2606 dwelling houses now have an internal supply serving a population of 8253. 153 houses have external standpipes, whilst 509 houses still rely on wells and expose a population of 1309 to some risk.

Samples of mains water which were taken during the year were in connection with tests on new mains.

5 samples of well water were taken. All but one proved unfit for domestic use.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The district is served by 73 privies, 175 pail closets and 3298 water closets, the latter discharging to some 18 publicly owned sewage works, 11 sewer dykes, one private system and in one case direct into a watercourse. In addition there are some 221 cesspools.

Disposal schemes are already approved for Thorpe Langton, Brighthurst, Drayton and Great Easton, Laughton and Mowsley, Gumley and Husbands Bosworth.

A new septic tank was installed at Shangton.

The control of works by systematic analyses of effluents was continued and 38 samples of effluent were examined from Kibworth, Husbands Bosworth, East Langton, Medbourne, Saddington and Mowsley.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected at fortnightly intervals by direct labour and disposed of by crude tipping at Foxton, Husbands Bosworth, Hallaton and Kibworth.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA:

Complaints received during the year	....	153
Premises concerned	201
Defects or nuisances discovered	305
Total visits of inspection	4,811



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TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE:

	<u>Inspections</u>
Bakehouses	13
Dairies	59
Drainage works	833
Dwelling houses	1081
Food premises	59
Rodent control	266
Refuse collection and disposal.. . . .	106
Schools	30
Shops	218
Slaughterhouse and meat inspection ..	291
Tents, vans, sheds etc....	7
Verminous premises	11
Water supplies	1549
Workshops	47
Other inspections	231
Smoke observations	6

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR:

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on Jan. 1st. 1958.	4	1
Issued during the year	46	50
Complied with during the year	45	51
Statutory action necessary	NIL	NIL
Outstanding on Dec. 31st.1958.	5	NIL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Treatment of sewers and tips was carried out by a contractor assisted by Council workmen under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Two cases of infestation came to light during 1958. Disinfestation was carried out.

CAMPING SITES

5 camping sites exist and 4 licences were issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 for moveable dwellings.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951 and
RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951.

There are no premises affected by the operation of these Acts.

SHOPS ACT 1950.

No defects were found during the year.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948.

Factories concerned in the operation of these Acts	68
Other premises	21
Inspections made	234
Contraventions found	2
Number of outworkers	78

SCHOOLS

Samples of water were taken from the filters in use at Medbourne School and were found to be satisfactory.

Elimination of a mouse infestation at Fleckney School was successfully undertaken.

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

Premises inspected	....	105
Visits made for this purpose	....	277
Informal notices served	....	12
Informal notices complied with	....	9

ICE CREAM

30 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. The pre-packed variety is the only product sold. No sampling was carried out.

MILK : DAIRIES AND DISTRIBUTORS

		<u>Dairies</u>		<u>Distributors</u>
Number on Register	....	3	....	13
Inspections made	....	18	....	41
Contraventions found	....	NIL	....	NIL

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949, and MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Licences issued:-

<u>Dealers</u> :	Pasteurised	....	7
	Tuberculin Tested	....	2
<u>Supplementary:</u>			
	Pasteurised	....	2

MILK SAMPLING

16 samples of milk were taken for examination. In none of these was there evidence of infection by tubercle bacilli. One sample showed evidence of infection with brucella abortus and a Stop Notice was served. 35 follow up samples were taken and the infected cows disposed of.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are 5 licensed slaughterhouses in the area.

Animals slaughtered during 1958...	1962
Animals examined at time of slaughter	1962
Inspections of meat shops	.... 42
Inspections of places where other foods are kept	.... 336

The results of examinations are shown in the following table:-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	246	50	4	1478	184
Number inspected	246	50	4	1478	184
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	14	2	-	1	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	5.7	4.0			
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	1	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.0	2.0	-	-	-

H O U S I N G

1. New Houses.

Number of applications for council houses at the end of the year	....	199
Applications received during the year	....	47
Programme of new council houses:		
Erected during the year	....	22
Under construction at end of year	....	NIL
Number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise	....	19
Number of houses in course of construction at the end of the year by private enterprise	....	17
Total number of post-war houses completed by:		
a) Local Authority	....	412
b) Private Enterprise	....	109

2. Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year.

a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects	....	230
Number of inspections made for the purpose		502
b) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	10

3. Repairs.

Houses rendered fit after informal action..	13
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4. Housing Act, 1957.

	<u>No. of houses.</u>	<u>Persons Displaced.</u>
Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking.	5	4
Houses demolished	18	5

5. Housing Act, 1949.

Applications for improvement grants are accepted and dealt with on merit.

23 applications were received in 1958. 19 of these were approved and 4 rejected.

